

Black Gold

Oil Discoveries During 1948 Recall Heyday of Local Field

One new well, two to be re-drilled and two abandonments featured the oil news affecting the Torrance field this week, according to the State Division of Oil and Gas.

Keystone Consolidated Oil Company will drill a new well in Section 8, Earl Robinet will re-drill his No. 5 well in Section 23, and Kern, Petroleum Corporation will re-drill its Hener No. 1 well, also in Section 23.

Wells to be abandoned are D. W. Elliott's Kettler No. 7 in Section 23 and the Superior Oil Company's Torrance No. 4 well in Section 24.

Reviewing oil field operations during 1948, the state reported an all-time record had been set in California during the year just closed.

The number of notices to drill new wells filed with the Division was 2802, which is a record exceeding by several hundred the record established during the war year of 1944, when 2252 notices to drill were filed. A new production record was also established, the total amount of crude oil produced being in excess of 340 million barrels, as compared with 326.6 million barrels in 1947, and 328.2 million barrels in 1945, the record established during the war.

The following important discoveries were made during the year which will add materially to the oil reserves of the state. In Kettleman Middle Dome, Standard Oil Company of California completed its well No. 73, formerly operated by Bolso Chico Oil Corporation, early in January, flowing at an average daily rate of 566 barrels of 48.8-degree gravity oil.

Consolidation

Dicalite Has Two Changes in Personnel

Armand R. Bollaert has been elected vice president in charge of the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation's Dicalite division, it was announced today by George Skakel, president. Bollaert, manager of the division for the past year, makes his headquarters at the corporation's Los Angeles office.

Thurman C. Carter has been elected vice president in charge of the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation's newly formed Building Products division, it was announced today by George Skakel, president. In heading the new division which consolidates the former Building Products and Rock Wool divisions, Carter will supervise operations and sales of building and insulating materials. In his new position he is expected to expand his activities in the building field by showing new uses for Permalite, the Great Lakes Carbon Corporation's light-weight insulating plaster and concrete aggregate.

\$209,771,910 in Property Is Tax-Exempt

Exemptions from local property taxes in Los Angeles county total \$209,771,910 for the current fiscal year, 4.3 per cent of the \$4,843,228,535 net total taxable valuation of property in the county, California Taxpayers' Association reported today.

The property exempt from local property taxes in the county included \$27,146,030 covering 2307 church exemptions, \$15,003,400 for 28 college exemptions, \$16,382,840 in exemptions for 368 welfare institutions, and \$157,493,540 for 188,640 veterans exemptions.

Average value of church exemptions in the county was \$10,828; of colleges, \$535,836; of welfare institutions, \$44,519; and of veterans, \$793.

Throughout the state, exemptions from local property taxes had a total valuation of \$317,133,988 for 1948-49, 4.2 per cent of the \$12,193,012,251 total taxable valuation of property in California.

LOCKS A DETERRENT

"If they're going to steal it, they're going to steal it, and locking the car won't do a bit of good." Authorities state emphatically that this is not true. The automobile thief is deterred by locks, and the stronger the lock the more he is deterred. Use all the locks the manufacturer has provided.

and 4760 Mcf. gas from a depth of 12,276 feet. The productive formation is believed to be equivalent to the McAdams (Eocene) sand of the Kettleman North Dome field. In the Cuyama Valley 35 wells had been completed in what has been designated the Russell Ranch field, with a total daily production of approximately 6,000 barrels of oil.

In Fresno County, eight miles due east of Coalinga at the edge of Guajral Hills, the productive formation encountered between depths of 8658 and 3730 feet is in the Leda zone of Oligocene age.

Considerable interest was created in and immediately west of the town of Newhall, Los Angeles County, by the discovery in November of R. W. Sherman well No. "Newhall Community" 3-1, of a highly productive zone in Miocene formations between depths of 5375 and 5680 feet. A flow test made before completion indicated a potential daily production of 1000 barrels of 40-degree gravity oil.

In Kern County, Hancock Oil Company of California made a discovery approximately 2 1/2 miles northeast of the Ten Section field. Production is from a zone equivalent to the Stevens sand (Miocene) encountered between depths of 7335 and 7573 feet.

Permits Needed for Any Device Emitting Smoke

Although the rules and regulations of the Air Pollution Control District have been in force for more than a year, many industrialists and contractors apparently are not aware that permits must be obtained by "any person building, erecting, altering, replacing, operating or using on or after Feb. 1, 1948, any article, machine, equipment or other contrivance which may cause the issuance of air contaminants shall first obtain a permit for such operation."

Cities and other political subdivisions are exempt, and buildings or alterations costing less than \$300 do not require permits, it was explained.

To expedite matters the Air Pollution Control Board has established an office at 5201 Santa Fe avenue, Los Angeles 11, where permits are issued after the prescribed application forms have been filled in and plans and specifications presented to the engineers for checking.

Fees for filing are based upon the time required for checking and upon the time required by the inspectors on the job. There are at the present time 19 inspectors covering the 15 districts into which the city has been divided.

Procedure for hearings on petitions for variances and other matters mentioned in the regulations has been provided and Air Pollution Control engineers advise close adherence to the prescribed procedure. Copies of the Rules and Regulations may be obtained from the District's office or by telephoning Kimball 2172.

Congressman Puts in Bill on Water War

California's fight to protect its Colorado River water supply was off to a flying start on the first day of the new session of Congress as seven Southern California representatives introduced identical bills calling for the Supreme Court to settle the water war with Arizona.

Local water leaders, informed of the action Monday, were elated at the high priority given the vital water legislation. Representatives signing their names to the bills were Democrats Cecil King, Shepard and Hollifield and Republicans Phillips, Nixon, Hinchshaw and Jackson.

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